

NEWS BRIEFS

Base guides

The 2002 Columbus AFB base guides are in. People can pick up a copy at the family support center. Call Ext. 2790.

Finance closed

The finance office closes at 11:30 a.m. today for an office official function. Call Ext. 2705.

DEFY appreciation

Drug Education For Youth volunteers, staff and their supervisors are invited to a recognition social at 4 p.m. today at the family support center. Call Ext. 2790.

Penny war

The company grade officer council is sponsoring a “Penny War” until Aug. 16 at the fitness and sports center to offset the cost of the Air Force Ball Sept. 21. Adding pennies to a commander’s jug helps them avoid a pie in the face, while adding silver coins and bills helps them receive the pie. The victor of the fundraiser will get to throw the pie in the face of the losing commander at the ball.

Marathon fundraiser

A Run-a-thon fundraiser for the Columbus AFB teams participating in the Air Force Marathon is from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 17. Donations are accepted or people can make pledges for miles run by the runner of their choice. There are two Columbus AFB teams this year. Call Ext. 2611.

Combat dining out

A combat dining out begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at SAC Lake. Cost is \$6 and includes meal and a souvenir mug. The event is in honor of Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, who is departing Columbus AFB. Call Ext. 3075.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-37

Goal: 793

Flown: 863

T-1A

Goal: 655.0 hrs.

Flown: 655.2 hrs.

T-38

Goal: 461

Flown: 454

Schmidt takes charge of 14th FTW

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

Col. Stephen Schmidt assumed command of the 14th Flying Training Wing from Col. Tom Quelly at a ceremony led by Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander, at 9 a.m. today at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza.

Quelly, commander since June 2000, departs for San Antonio, Texas, to become the Air Education and Training Command Assistant Director of Operations at Randolph AFB.

“It’s been an honor to lead the men and women of the 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus Air Force Base,” Quelly said. “Colonel Schmidt has my most sincere congratulations. He’s taking charge of a superb wing.”

Schmidt is the former Chief of Staff of

the United States Strategic Command in Offutt AFB, Neb.

A native of Laporte, Ind., Schmidt graduated from the United States Air Force Academy as an honor graduate in 1979 and earned his pilot wings at Williams AFB, Ariz., in August 1980.

From May 1985 to May 1988, he served in an Air Staff Training Assignment as Deputy Chief for Plans and Operations, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C., was Assistant Secretary for Joint Chiefs of Staff and National Security Council matters and Air Operations Officer, Strategic Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Air Force Headquarters.



Col. Tom Quelly



Col. Stephen Schmidt

From June 1988 until June 1992, Schmidt served as Flight Commander, B-52 Instructor Aircraft Commander, and Standardization and Evaluation Instructor Aircraft Commander, at the 20th Bomb Squadron at Carswell AFB, Texas, then attended the College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

He returned to Washington, D.C., in June 1992 to serve as Chief, Joint Planning Branch, Strategic Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Air Force Headquarters; then as Policy and Issues Analyst, Secretary of the Air Force Staff Group until June 1994.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Aircraft maintenance

Mike Purcell, DynCorp aircraft servicer, changes a tire on a T-1A Jayhawk. The Jayhawk is the primary trainer for students going on to fly heavy aircraft and is used by the 48th Flying Training Squadron.

New program replaces FormFlow

Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials at the Pentagon recently approved a plan to acquire a new information management tool software package that will replace FormFlow.

After nearly a year of testing and research on ways to improve form support to warfighters, the Air Force departmental publishing office selected PureEdge Solutions as this replacement technology.

The program is a “quantum leap” over previous ways users processed data or exchanged information, said Carolyn Watkins-Taylor, AFDPO director.

“We recognize now more than ever that any modernization program we initiate must include methods of providing our warfighters with an opti-

mal level of support,” Watkins-Taylor said.

An information management tool, or IMT, is simply a form, but one that is far more advanced and user-friendly than the old FormFlow versions, Watkins-Taylor said.

“With this new solution they won’t even have to look for the data because it will be with the document,” Watkins-Taylor said.

“FormFlow just isn’t user-friendly and it’s cumbersome,” said Tech. Sgt. Chloe Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing law office manager. “I can’t wait to use the new system, I’m glad there’s finally something better coming.”

The wait will not be long. Watkins-Taylor said the goal is to start Phase 1 on Thursday with the 100 most commonly used Air Force forms first and the remaining forms converted in the coming months.



Melanie Brown

Ranking up

The following are the promotees for August. Pictured with Col. Tom Quelly, former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 14th FTW command chief, are (from left to right, back to front): To staff sergeant, Joshua Peters, 14th Operations Support Squadron; to technical sergeant, Donn Brown, 14th FTW; to airman first class, Rian Hickey, 14th OSS; to technical sergeant, Larry Dixon, 14th OSS; to master sergeant, Annie Cousins, 14th Communications Squadron; to technical sergeant, Mabel Burchett, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; and to senior airman, Jamal Lofton, 14th OSS; Holly Ewing, 37th Flying Training Squadron; and James Chase Jr., 50th FTS.

Promotees not pictured are:

To lieutenant colonel:

Michael Martel, 50th Flying Training Squadron

To major:

John Booker, 14th Operations Support Squadron; **Dennis Blythe**, 37th FTS; **Charles Sanders**, 41st FTS; **Brian Schneider**, Air Force Operations and Test Evaluations; **Eric Weingaertner**, 14th Operations Group; and **Thomas Wilkins**, 14th Medical Operations Support Squadron

To captain:

Joachim Exner, 14th Support Group; and **Frank Waters**, 50th FTS

To first lieutenant:

Carlos Assaf, 48th FTS; **Donna Chun**, 14th

OSS; **Douglas Kabel**, 50th FTS; **Eric Macchiaverna**, 50th FTS; **Mark Porcella**, 50th FTS; **Christopher Power**, 48th FTS; **Jody Robertson**, 14th OSS; **Michael Stoddard**, 41st FTS; **Terge Stoneman**, 14th OSS; **Jonathan Witkin**, 14th OSS; and **Christopher Yeates**, 14th OSS

To master sergeant:

Sharon Cate, 332nd Recruiting Squadron; and **Leamon Lacy Jr.**, 14th CS

To staff sergeant:

David Benedetti, 14th CES

To senior airman:

Lamarsha Wilson, 50th FTS

To airman first class:

Matrika Morgan, 14th CS



All specialties released

WASHINGTON — The last officer and enlisted specialties on Stop-Loss will be released beginning Sept. 1.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche said the release will be phased in during a one-month period to allow both the Air Force and affected personnel time for transition.

“We have arrived at a new steady-state,” Roche said. “Stop-Loss most certainly helped us get here successfully, but we had pledged all along that we wouldn’t hold onto anyone longer than necessary.”

The release, which affects three officer and 15 enlisted specialties, will begin with people who had original retirement or separation dates prior to April 1. They will be able to leave beginning Sept. 1. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

AETC deployment pool grows

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — More Air Education and Training Command people are assigned to an Air and Space Expeditionary Force due to an increase in the number of people assigned to the AEF Library.

The library is the global directory of people the Air Force can tap for deployment.

The Air Force’s goal was to increase the library to 200,000 people by July 31. Consequently, the number of AETC people in the library has also jumped.

According to AETC officials, two years ago the command had 7,000 people committed to Air and Space Expeditionary Forces. This year the command has 13,000 people committed and next year it will have 20,000 people loaded into the library.

The number of AETC people who have deployed has doubled in the past year. Prior to Sept. 11, AETC had 400 people deployed. Now the command has about 800 people deployed at any given time, said AETC officials.

“By increasing the number of people in the AEF Library we can spread the deployment workload over a larger number of people,” said Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., AETC vice commander.

With a larger pool of people eligible to deploy, the Air Force hopes to provide greater stability and predictability for service members and their families, Hopper said. This is especially important with today’s increased operational tempo as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The library increase was suggested during an ongoing review of the AEF construct directed by Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for air and space expeditionary forces, started the review shortly after taking office in March. His office has a one-year charter to review the AEF construct for refinement to meet ongoing requirements and requirements for the war on terrorism.

Initially excluded from the list of those eligible to deploy were instructors, because training activities can’t be halted. However, Hopper said some instructors will now deploy. (Courtesy of AETC News)

Newest Columbus Wingmen named

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

Community leaders Stan McCrary and Tommy Southerland were named Columbus's newest Wingmen by Col. Tom Quelly, former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, today during a pre-change of command reception.

Columbus Wingman is an honorary designation that recognizes community members who make exceptional contributions to the base and provide ongoing support for the commander.

"At first I was shocked," Southerland said. "I've been associated with the base throughout my life, and I'm really very honored

to receive this award."

Southerland is a lifelong resident of Lowndes County and serves as the District 2 Supervisor. He is a staunch supporter of all base activities and provides a great link to the community, Quelly said.

"His help in dealing with traffic flow and other issues was instrumental when the base implemented post 9-11 security procedures," Quelly said.

"He's always been there for us and provides a wonderful connection to the



Stan McCrary



Tommy Southerland

recognize there is life beyond the gates," McCrary said. "It's important for Columbus to extend an arm of friendship to the base to help maintain a positive working relationship."

McCrary is chairman of the Chamber of

community."

McCrary said it was both an honor and a blessing to be named a Columbus Wingman.

"Since I'm former military, I know how important it is to help the base community

"Stan energizes business people and the general public to create interest in the base's mission of training pilots," Quelly said. "I've enjoyed working with him."

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Commerce Military Affairs Committee and creator of the "Pilot Partner Program." This program invites two local businesses to become partners with a student pilot class and serve as their "big brother or big sister" in the business community.

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Columbus AFB officers win free trips for using club cards

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

Two Columbus AFB majors won first and second prize Aug. 1 from the Member Rewards Program for using their club card June 1 through July 31.

Maj. Troy Turner, 14th Operations Group, and Maj. Scott Parkhurst, 14th Flying Training Wing, participated in the Member Rewards Program, which promoted club card use, said Joe Smith, 14th Services Division community support flight chief.

Turner won the first place prize for a trip for two adults and two children to Orlando, Fla. The package

includes travel, four-night hotel stay and a family package of Orlando tickets for admission to Universal Studios, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Wet'n'Wild Water Park and Sea World Orlando.

Parkhurst won the second place prize for the second year in a row, which is a one-week stay at a location of choice through the Armed Forces Vacation Club.

"I can't believe I won," Parkhurst said. "[My wife and I] went to a condo in Hot Springs, Ark., for a week in December last year. It was absolutely wonderful."

Parkhurst and his wife haven't decided where they are going to go this year. "We may go tropical this time."

The goals of the Member Rewards Program were to

show appreciation to club members, provide incentives for increased club participation, to let people know club membership is a valuable benefit associated with military service and to increase awareness of products available through information, tickets and travel offices.

"It's a tradition for military and civilian personnel to belong to their clubs," Smith said. "I've been a club card member for more than 30 years."

"I believe that all Air Force personnel should have a place on base they can socialize, dine, and be entertained with other Air Force people," Parkhurst said. "The club is a great place to do this, and we'd miss it if it wasn't there."

NEW COMMANDER'S INFORMATION

What is your vision as a squadron commander?

I've been given the opportunity to lead what I already consider an outstanding squadron.

My vision, therefore, is to perform my leadership role in such a way as to see the 14th MDSS reach higher levels of achievement, respect and recognition in an increasingly challenging and continuously changing environment.

What is your leadership philosophy?

To lead as I would want to be led — providing a clear vision and unwavering support to the outstanding men and women of the 14th MDSS.

What do you look forward to as your squadron's commander?

Fostering mission-oriented relationships within and outside the squadron (and having a little fun in the process).

Hometown: Northern Va.

Spouse: Susanna

Children: Rebecca, John M. and Paul



Lt. Col. John Parks
14th Medical Support Squadron commander



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Dorm dinner

Second Lt. Raymond Kelly, 14th Communications Squadron, Airman 1st Class Turquoise Davis 2nd Lt. Delena Delozier, 14th Mission Support Squadron, chat at the dorm dinner July 18 at the pool. The next dorm dinner begins at 5 p.m. Thursday at the enlisted dorm pavilion and offers hamburgers, side items, desserts and drinks. All dorm dwellers and single enlisted people and officers can attend.

Life decisions: *Unnecessary risks worth losing loved ones?*

1st Lt. Tammy Davidson
14th FTW Military Equal Opportunity



I am amazed sometimes how time-oriented our society has become.

Fast food, drive through pharmacies and increasing speed limits are all signs we are a society of speed and convenience, but I have to continually question how our thirst for speed and convenience can cloud our judgment and overrule basic principles of safety.

I saw a mom who drove to family housing from the child development center with her two-year-old walking around on the front seat.

Does that mom care so little for her child's life that she would save herself a little time and hassle by risking her daughter's life?

Probably not, but then why would she take such unnecessary risks?

I recently received a call from my husband while he was on a temporary duty assignment. He told me about an accident that he had witnessed and how the man died in that crash. It was early in the morning. Another

person passed their rental vehicle on a curve going more than 80 mph. When they reached his vehicle, it had been split into two pieces. The driver was dying and there was a baby seat and coloring books in the back of the car.

He told me when they were driving in to work the next morning he saw the gentleman's family at the side of the road crying.

I ask myself, "What event was he so late for that he was willing to risk his life for it? Did he die believing it was worth it? Will his baby grow up without him thinking it was worth it?"

I remember another accident a couple of years ago here where a passenger had taken off her seatbelt to take a nap in the back seat. The car's tire blew and ended up flipping the vehicle several times leaving this passenger with a broken back, which eliminated her from the flying training program.

I know she couldn't have asked herself if her life was worth the cost of a nap when she unbuckled her belt.

I try to remember how many times I have unbuckled my belt for just a second to grab something. They are too numerous to remember. Is the risk of my daughter

growing up without a mommy or my husband losing his best friend not worth a 5-minute stop on a country road or McDonald's?

Does my grandmother still think that increasing her comfort level by improperly wearing her seatbelt was worth the two broken legs she received during a 15 mph crash?

I find myself doing stupid things occasionally, but I try to stop and think, "Is this really a smart idea, and would this be worth the possible cost?"

The answer is usually no. I don't believe that we should live our lives in fear. I do believe there are calculated risks that we probably should take, but I also believe a life lost or injury gained because we were too lazy, or in too much of a hurry, or too stupid is a sorry and inadequate excuse for all of those who have to live with our decisions too.

I beg everyone to evaluate their actions and continually ask yourself, "Am I putting myself at increased or unnecessary risk for speed and convenience?"

Any boss, family member, or friend would rather have you show up a couple of minutes late than not see you at all.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

First Lt. Gary Moore, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-13 student, congratulates Col. Tom Quelly, former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, after they completed Quelly's final flight Wednesday. Moore and Quelly led a formation of two T-38s for the flight. Quelly departs Columbus AFB to become the Air Education and Training Command Assistant Director of Operations at Randolph AFB, Texas. Moore remains here as a T-37 instructor pilot.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

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| Civilian Personnel..... | 434-2635 |
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| Family Practice..... | 434-2172 |
| Appointment Desk..... | 434-2273 |
| After Hours Care..... | 434-2273 |
| Columbus Club..... | 434-2489 |
| Commissary..... | 434-7106 |
| Finance..... | 434-2706 |
| Housing Maintenance..... | 434-7270 |
| Inspector General..... | 434-2927 |
| Legal Office..... | 434-7030 |
| Military Equal Opportunity..... | 434-2591 |
| Security Forces..... | 434-7129 |
| Shoppette..... | 434-6026 |

Commander bids adieu to Columbus AFB

Well, the time has come to say farewell.

Twenty-six months ago Susan and I were introduced to the Blaze Team. Time and time again you proved to us that teamwork was not just something that Columbus AFB talked about. It is the way you work on a day in and day out basis.

Nothing tests a team like unplanned adversity. None of you who were here will soon forget the February '01 storm.

Yes, the 100 mile an hour straight line winds were something else, but that is not what sticks in my mind. What impressed me about that storm was how the BLAZE team reacted after it was over. Hundreds of trees down in the local area, homes destroyed, power out. Real world disaster plans were set into motion. You improvised where no plan existed. You helped each other. You helped our neighbors in the community. And then you turned around and only 10 days later roared right into our Operational Readiness Inspection.

If ever there were a valid excuse to focus your attention away from work, that would have been it. But



not only did you garner an “Excellent” rating overall with four “Best Practices” and 132 “Commendable” findings, you cleaned up after the storm so thoroughly that we received an “Outstanding” for base appearance!

That BLAZE teamwork shone again on September 11th. The events of that day forever changed the way we think and operate at stateside bases. The patience shown by all as we slowly worked out of Force

Protection Condition Delta and Charlie and tolerated the vehicle lines that stretched to Hwy 45 allowed us to create a base environment that is now more secure for our employees and families even in FPCon Alpha. Your tireless and on-going efforts will not be forgotten.

Your accomplishments over the past two years are too numerous to list. A few come to mind. You took a flying hour program that was non-existent and turned it into the command standard. You improved the base by overseeing multiple construction projects including a \$2 million T-1 hangar addition, a \$4.5 million corrosion

control facility, a \$500,000 medical clinic renovation, a \$325,000 recycling center, and nearly \$5 million in demolition projects. Quality of life projects have improved your living conditions.

We’ve renovated enlisted dormitories, built a new \$6 million Unaccompanied Officer’s Quarters, and enhanced our base-wide 911 Emergency Call system. You helped focus the efforts of wing, major command, and Army Corps of Engineers personnel to bring a faltering \$25 million, 202-unit housing project to delivery status. Now over 70 of our families are living in some of the nicest military family housing in the Air Force, more housing units will soon follow.

You’ve made this wing, this base, and this community a better place to live, work, and play. I am proud to have been your commander. It’s the right time to turn this outstanding organization to a new commander. You will make Col. Steve Schmidt and his wife Sarah proud and he will take you to even greater achievements.

Susan and I will truly miss Columbus. You are all truly wonderful people. Take care and God Bless.

“Blaze 1 is off-net!”

Col. Tom Quelly

Former 14th Flying Training Wing commander

FEATURES

New OG commander back at pilot beginnings

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Public affairs

Col. Mike Holmes assumed command of the 14th Operations Group from Col. Russ Frasz Tuesday at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza.



Elizabeth Davis

Col. Mike Holmes, new 14th Operations Group commander, addresses the audience at the 14th OG change of command ceremony Tuesday.

Holmes arrived from Headquarters Air Force in the Pentagon where he was Chief of the Strategy, Concepts and Doctrine division in the Directorate of Operational Plans and Joint Matters.

Frasz leaves Columbus to an assignment in the Pentagon to become a member of the Air Force Inspector General Team.

The new 14th OG commander, who was last at Columbus AFB 20 years ago as a student in Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 82-08, said he was excited to be back where his career as an Air Force pilot began.

“I look forward to interacting with the students,” Holmes said. “I’ve been on the customer end for 20 years and I can’t wait to play a part in helping prepare new students to succeed in operational units.”

According to Holmes, for new students to succeed in their careers as pilots, they must first succeed at Columbus AFB.

“There are lots of places in the U.S. that produce pilots,” Holmes said. “What we do different is produce ‘professional military pilots.’”

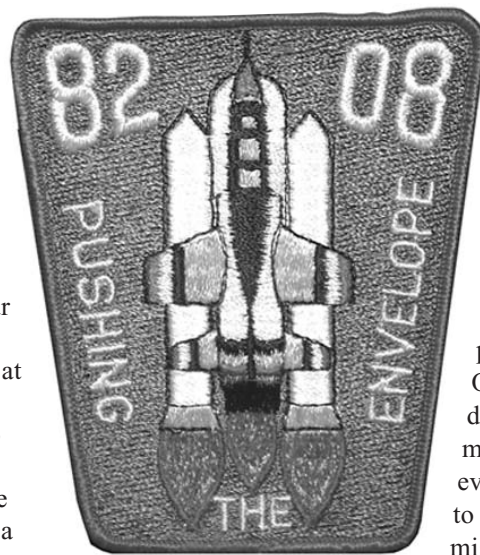
Holmes broke down the term professional military pilots beginning with pilots, the 14th OG’s basic mission.

“We teach the basic ‘stick and rudder’ skills, but our pilots are trained to attempt and succeed at tasks that no other pilots are required to do.”

Being a pilot in the Air Force is not just a job, but a profession not unlike a doctor or a lawyer, Holmes added. “We have a core code of ethics based on the Air Force Core Values. We have skills that make us different than any other pilots.”

The military is what ties this whole concept together.

“It’s why we do what we do,” Holmes explained. “I like to say we’re professional military pilots for America. We don’t do it for fun — although it is.



We don’t do it for the money — although it pays well. We do it for the service of the United States of America.”

Above everything else, Holmes stresses that the people of the 14th OG should remain dedicated to the mission. He expects everyone on his team to be focused on the mission of preparing the world’s finest

professional military pilots for America.

“I respect the people that get up every day and get their job done right,” Holmes said. “It’s been my experience that people who do the little things right and pay attention to their daily jobs, also excel when they’re called upon to do great things. And the people who are getting their job done right also seem to have the most fun, too.”



Zocchi the magician/ventriloquist chats with his co-star, “Woody Knotts,” during the show.



Natalie Bledstien and her son, Nathaniel, recite the National Kids Day pledge together.



Parents and children laugh at Zocchi and “Woody” during the ventriloquism portion of the show.

Children, parents spend magical afternoon for National Kids Day

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Public affairs

Columbus AFB celebrated National Kids Day with a free magician/ventriloquist show Sunday at the base theater.

There is nothing in the world more important to a child than a parent spending time with him or her, said Mollye Cash, 14th Medical Group family advocacy intervention specialist. “With so many demands on today’s parents, sometimes they have trouble making

time for their children. But, if a parent can spend 15 minutes a day with the child when he or she has the parent’s undivided attention, the child will be OK.”

During the show, Zocchi the magician/ventriloquist plucked flowers from the air, played several interesting musical instruments, to include a saw, and spoke with his buddy “Woody Knotts.”

National Kids Day, begun by the Boys and Girls Clubs a year ago, aims to get adults and children to spend meaningful time together.

“We celebrate Mother’s, Father’s and even Administrative Professional’s Day — this is an excellent way to bring families together and celebrate our kids,” said Terri Graves, youth center director, before introducing Zocchi.

Undivided attention doesn’t mean the parent and the child are simply in the same room together, Cash cautioned. “It means the parent sits and plays and interacts with the child where nothing more is going on.

“If parents can do that, their children will feel secure,” Cash said. “Children will feel that their parents care about them and they will feel important. This in turn will develop in the child a good self image.”

Unlike many other countries, America doesn’t have an official day to celebrate children.

“Our children are our future and we need to celebrate that,” Graves said before leading everyone to take the National Kids Day Pledge. “We pledge to spend meaningful time together; To talk; To listen; To learn and to play; To share a moment, create a memory and make a kid’s day.”

The youth center provided popcorn and drinks for the performance.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Mass

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Protestant worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“*Star Wars II*” (PG, sustained sequences of sci-fi action, 142 min.)

Starring: Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman.

Saturday

“*Powerpuff Girls*” (PG, non-stop animated action, 80 min.)

Animated.

Aug. 16

“*Mr. Deeds*” (PG-13, brief language including sexual references, 91 min.)

Starring: Adam Sandler and Winona Ryder.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Aug. 16

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination Program:

“*English Composition*”

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Remote/deployed brief: Military people going to a remote location or being deployed must attend a mandatory brief at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

Loan locker: Families changing stations in or out of Columbus AFB are welcome to use the loan locker for household items. The locker is at outdoor recreation. Call Ext. 2505.

Commander's call information: Briefings are available upon request for services offered at the center or other special requests such as stress management tips or team building.

WIC: The Women, Infants and Children program is available for pregnant women or for people with children under 5. Call the center for an appointment.

BASE NOTES



Heritage month volunteers: Volunteers for the Hispanic Heritage Moth Celebration can attend a meeting at 9 a.m. Aug. 16 in the 14th Operations Support Squadron conference room 102, Bldg. 230. Call Ext. 2770.

Sunday school: Adult and children's Protestant Sunday school classes begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 18.

Adult classes feature The Book of Acts and Crown Ministries Biblical Financial Study. Children's classes are for 3- to 12-year-olds. Call Ext. 2500.

Overpricing program: People are encouraged to participate in this program and will be rewarded for any tangible savings that result from their price challenge. Monetary awards are given in accordance with AFI 38-401, the Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. For guidance, call Ext. 7178.

EEO counselor: Columbus AFB is



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Away we go

Louisiana Civil Air Patrol Cadets Tech. Sgt. Eric Miller, Airman Zachary Vann and Senior Airman Jeffrey Guillot get on a T-1A for an orientation ride. These cadets received a ride for being the most outstanding students during the Louisiana CAP leadership camp.

looking for someone for a collateral duty assignment as an Equal Employment Opportunity counselor.

The counselor assists the equal employment manager in counseling and assisting employees in filing informal and formal EEO complaints.

The EEO counselor serves in his or her regular job, and performs collateral duties as EEO counselor 20 percent of the time.

The EEO manager and counselor are independent fact finders who obtain facts from complainants, managers, supervisors and others who have pertinent information about EEO issues. Call Garland Kirkland at the Civilian Personnel Flight in Bldg. 926, Ext. 2636.

AROUND TOWN



Lake Lowndes duathlon: The Duathlon 2002 begins at 8 a.m. Aug. 17 at Lake Lowndes. Cost is \$20 for early registration or \$25 the day of the race. Call 328-2110.

Little Sturgis: The 2002 Motorcycle Rally is Aug. 23 through 25 in Sturgis Miss., West of Starkville, Miss., on Highway 12.

Entertainment for the annual family-oriented motorcycle rally include the internationally known all-star bands of the late 1960s and early 1970s: Rare Earth, Iron Butterfly and Sugarloaf as well as

Highway 101 and the Dawn Barham Band. Activities begin at 8 a.m. and continue until midnight Friday and Saturday.

The rally ends Sunday morning after the Blessing of the Bikes. For more information, visit www.sturgismsrally.com or call (662) 465-6492.

Howlin' Wolf Memorial Blues Festival: The seventh annual blues festival is Aug. 30 at the West Point Civic.

The event features: Alvin 'Youngblood' Hart and the New World Vipers, Willie King and the Liberators, Richard Johnston, Li'l' Howlin' Wolf and The Breakbones Blues Band.

Gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the gate or can be purchased in advance.

Send a check or money order in the amount of \$15 plus a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Howlin' Wolf Blues Society of West Point, MS Inc., P.O. Box 1334, West Point, MS, 39773.

Prairie Arts Festival: This annual festival begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 31 in downtown West Point.

The event features food vendors, three stages for entertainment, Classic Cars, Kidsville a concert in the park and a downtown street dance.

Fall fair: The 2002 Golden Triangle Fair is Sept. 5-8 at the Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville.

A large midway with carousels, thrill rides and games of skill is available. There are also displays and activities, food and exhibits.

Services: Check us out

✓ **All-ranks bingo:** Bingo is at 5:30 p.m. every Friday at the community center. There are two \$25 games, two \$50 games and one \$500 progressive jackpot with a consolation prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 51 numbers or less. Cost is \$1 for a 2-on-1 card for the \$25 games, \$1.50 for a 3-on-1 card for the \$50 games and \$1 for a single card for the jackpot game. Must be a services card holder to play. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Maze entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

✓ **Barbecue buffet:** The Columbus Club's Tuesday night buffet features barbecue with all the trimmings and is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$7.95 for club members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Casino trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss., Aug. 16. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation and \$15 in coins. The bus will leave the community center parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and return around 2 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Parents Day Out/Give Parents a Break:** The child development center and youth center offer these programs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug 17. Cost is \$2.50 an hour per child and a nonrefundable \$5 deposit is required when making reservations for the child development center.

Children ages six weeks to 12 years are eligible to participate in the "Give Parents a Break" program offered at the same date and time as the parents day out. Any family with special circumstances such as a member TDY or remote, a special health condition, or just an unusual situation, may qualify for free care. Contact the family support center to receive a certificate for participation. Contact the child development center or youth center to make reservations after receiving the certificate.

✓ **Preschool program:** The child development center offers a half-day preschool program for children ages 3 to 5. Classes are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. with three options: Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday or Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes begin Aug. 19. Fees are based on total family income and there is no registration fee. Call Ext. 2478.

✓ **Tuesday night bowling league meeting:** The Tuesday night bowling league meets at 6 p.m. Aug. 20 to conduct an election of officers for the upcoming season. Call Ext. 2425.

✓ **Geyser Falls water theme park:** The information, ticket and travel office is offering a trip to this water park located in Philadelphia, Miss., Aug. 24. Cost is \$28 per person and includes transportation and ticket to the park. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **After school programs:** The youth center is accepting applications for the after-school program starting in August. Fees are based on total family income. Please bring the family's leave and earnings statements and a copy of the child's shot record. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Home school physical education registration:** The youth center offers home-schooled children the opportunity to participate in a planned physical education program with children of the same age. Program includes learning basic skills for a variety of sports, new games, participating in on- and off-base field trips and the opportunity for physical endurance growth. Registration now and classes start Sept. 5. They will be held from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$35 per month. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Automobile detailing:** The auto skills center offers automobile detailing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Get the neat and clean package for \$12 or the wash and wax for \$27. Additional services are carpet cleaning and car polishing which are \$7 each. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

✓ **Crafts classes:** The skills development center offers crafts classes for both adult and youth.

Upcoming adult classes are making a flag cloth wreath, a corner peg shelf, a mosaic bird bath and candles. Youth classes include making treasure boxes, candles, a jumping game and grass hair pot faces. Stop by the center to see their display of classes. Call Ext. 7836.

✓ **Family child care providers needed:** Anyone interested in becoming a family child care provider should contact the family child care office at Ext. 2486. If a person provides care for 10 or more hours a week for one or more children, they must attain a license through the family child care office.



Athena Brimer

New pool hours!

Children play at the pool before school started Wednesday. Effective Sunday the new hours for Independence Pool are: closed Monday; and open from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Lap swimming is available Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Columbus Club

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, Aug. 11

Served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$10.95 for members

\$13.95 for nonmembers

Call 434-2489

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today
Fried Catfish
Popcorn Shrimp
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Grilled Pork Chops
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday
Meat Loaf
Sweet & Sour Pork
Banana Pudding

Wednesday
Beef Tips with Rice
Chicken Fajitas
Apple Cobbler

Thursday
Roast Pork Loin
BBQ Brisquet
Apple Dumplings

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Airman Alexis Lloyd

Charles Edwards, 14th Logistics Squadron Team, looks on as teammate, John Sykes, putts on Hole 1 during the playoff game against 14th Services Team 1 Aug. 2. The 14th LG Team beat the 14th SVS team by one hole.

Logistics wins golf playoffs

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Logistics Squadron Team beat the 14th Services Team 1 by one hole in the intramural golf playoff game Aug. 2 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course.

This is the third year in a row that the 14th LG Team won the playoff game.

“Services and logistics have played each other in the championships before, and the matches are always close,” said John Sykes, 14th LG Team. “Winning or losing the game comes down to making clutch putts.”

Players for 14th LG Team were Sykes, Charles

Edwards, Jack Davis and Howard Ferguson.

Players for the 14th SVS Team 1 were William Bartowick, Greg Mathis, Spencer Willis and Roy Wood.

The LG team was awarded trophies after the play-offs.

“Both teams are very good,” said Ricky Magers, Whispering Pines head golf professional. “What the game came down to was luck and which team was hitting good that day.”

The golf course has another golf championship Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. Cost is \$25 for club members and nonmembers and a \$24 green fee for nonmembers. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Deployment doesn’t dim NCO’s goals

Susan Griggs
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AFB, Miss. — A deployment to Oman temporarily derailed Robert Parham’s martial arts aspirations, but he’s back in fighting form and collecting kudos for his skills.

Parham, NCO in charge of the nephrology clinic at Keesler Medical Center, was named to the Universal Martial Arts Black Belt Hall of Fame for the third time June 29 at the President Casino in Biloxi. But the high point of the event for

the 36-year-old medic was a world championship to mark his comeback to tournament sport karate after a five-year layoff.

“Sports karate is semi-contact karate with controlled techniques. The objective is not to knock anybody out,” the ninth-degree black belt explained. “By contrast, the objective in kickboxing is to win by decision or by knocking out the competitor.”

Parham had been concentrating more on kickboxing in recent years, earning world titles in five weight classes: middleweight in 1994,

super middleweight in 1996, light heavyweight in 1995, cruiserweight in 1997 and heavyweight in 2001.

He began earning karate titles in 1988, including Armed Forces, Mississippi and pre-Olympic taekwondo championships. From 1991-93, he was the national karate champion, and in 1990, 1992 and 1993, he was the U.S. Karate Alliance vice world champion. He was Sports Karate International’s regional winner in 1990 and 1993 and world champion in 1991. He earned the National Black Belt League’s regional and world titles in 1993.

SHORTS

After school bowling special

The bowling center offers an after school special from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bowling is \$1 per game and shoes are 50 cents. Call Ext. 2426.

PGA Championship Tournament

Select a pro player by 9 a.m. Aug. 17 to enter this tournament. Players must have a valid handicap. Players pick a pro, golf a game and combine scores with the pro for a total score. Tournament is Aug. 17 and 18.

Entry is \$10 for members and \$10 for nonmembers plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932.

Back to school fun run, walk

This monthly fun run or walk begins at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 so the whole family can participate. Everyone who wears a backpack will earn a prize.

No-tap bowling with a spin

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this month’s no-tap tournament Aug. 23. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$7.50.

Prizes offered include a DVD player, Palm Pilot and more. Players hit a red pin to spin the wheel to win a prize. Call Ext. 2426.

Coaches needed

The Air Education and Training Command Softball championship will be held at Lackland AFB, Texas, Aug. 24 and 25. The fitness and sports center is seeking applicants to coach the Columbus AFB All-Star team.

All coaching applicants must be active duty and submit a resume stating their qualifications. Varsity experience preferred but not mandatory. Applicants can submit resumes to the Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports Center. Call Ext. 2772.

Fall soccer registration

Registration is until Sept. 6. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Must have a physical on file or turn in physical at time of registration. Call Ext. 2504.

| Softball standings | | |
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| The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday. | | |
| Team | Wins | Losses |
| 14th CES 1 | 17 | 2 |
| 48th FTS | 14 | 2 |
| 14th MSS | 16 | 4 |
| 14th SFS 1 | 13 | 4 |
| DynCorp | 13 | 5 |
| 14th OSS 1 | 12 | 5 |
| 14th MDG | 6 | 11 |
| 50th FTS | 6 | 16 |
| 14th CES 2 | 5 | 16 |
| 14th OSS 2 | 4 | 13 |
| 14th SFS 2 | 4 | 16 |